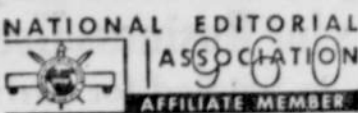


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Committee Reviews Needs of Youth

(Editor's note: This is the fifth of a series of feature articles by Ann Sullivan on the newly released report of the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth, following two years of work and study by hundreds of people throughout the state of Oregon.)

A child guidance clinic at Eastern Oregon State hospital and a stepped up program of school social workers are definite needs in this state's concern for the mental health of its children, according to the 1960 report of the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth.

Noting with pride that there have been many improvements in the last decade in this state in the attitudes toward the problems of mental health, the committee had much praise for the efforts of communities who seem already to be moving successfully toward recognition of their responsibilities to their children in this field.

The report on mental health is part of the overall health report. The committee praised the fact that since 1953, eight local health departments have developed mental health programs for children in conjunction with their total health programs. In an earlier article on the health section the committee people had urged expansion of public health departments to all counties, at present handicapped with lack of legislative provision for funds.

Recommends Guidance Facility

Specifically, the report recommends an out-patient child guidance facility for diagnostic and treatment service to be set up at Eastern Oregon State hospital.

It also recommends a stepped up program of school social workers, professionally trained persons who help classroom teachers identify children who have difficulties which affect learning and behavior and sort out those who need specialized help. The school social worker works with both parent and child to achieve this.

A definite shift from the concept that only psychiatrically trained persons can assist individuals, parents and children in improving their mental health was noted in the report.

"Many professional workers with children and youth," the report states, "although not quali-

fied as psychologists, psychiatric social workers or psychiatrists, can, with training and experience, improve their own counseling skills and do a creditable job in the field of preventive mental health."

Recommendations Discussed

Five specific recommendations of the mental health report are amplified with some discussion:

1. Since it has been increasingly recognized that already trained personnel in Oregon can meet the needs of only a small number of the emotionally disturbed children, continuing emphasis should be given to the training of persons who are now working with children and youth and who are not qualified as psychologists, psychiatric social workers, or psychiatrists to improve their skills in counseling.

2. School social work of the sort operating so successfully in many sections of the United States should be available to school districts throughout Oregon. To facilitate this it is recommended that certification of school social workers be included under the handicapped children's law for those persons who hold a master's degree in social work from a school of social work accredited by the National Council on Social Work Education.

3. It is recommended that the state system of higher education move with deliberate speed to establish an accredited graduate school of social work in Oregon.

4. Out-patient facilities for diagnosis and treatment of emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded children should be developed at Eastern Oregon State hospital.

5. An immediate and thorough study should be made in the area of mental health, particularly to define and determine the problems of emotional disturbance. The study should result in placing responsibility and in recommending comprehensive solutions rather than a piecemeal approach.

From This Corner . . .

By T.M.B.

Some wag referred to April "as the cruelest month of all" since the final date for income tax payment falls in that month. But it was not a joke when they said most of us had just now started working for ourselves. It takes until near the middle of May to pay the taxes due to the federal, state and local governments.

We carried an article recently telling that most anyone who could pass a college entrance exam could borrow money for a college education. This cost averages near \$6,000 but since a college graduate is supposed to earn something near \$100,000 more in a lifetime than the non-graduate it seems Uncle Sam would allow this expense to become deductible. The prospective college-goers have been over-looked by the "political promisers."

"Everybody Should Pay Taxes With a Smile" . . . I tried it but they insisted on cash.

Changing Times says, "What it really takes to make a house a home is a down payment, 6% interest and a line of credit at the furniture store."

The UPI press service recently carried an item of a Helsinki man balancing on a wire for 40 hours thereby claiming a world record. We know some federal office holders who have been straddling the fence half that many YEARS and have managed to keep a political balance.

Tax Foundation found that pay-rolls for civilian employees of the Executive Branch of the federal government last year reached an estimated \$12.3 billion. This figured out to a \$226 sum for each family.

Two ladies were discussing what they would wear to the country club dance: "We're supposed to wear something to match our husband's hair," said Mrs. Jones. "So I'll just wear something black, but what will you wear?"

"Goodness!" gasped Mrs. Smith. "I don't think I'll go."

Korea covers an area only slightly larger than the state of Utah but it has 42 times as many people, according to the World Book Encyclopedia. And in the 37 months of the Korean war, more than one million civi-

Ontario Woman Is County Peace Head

Mrs. Glenna Kinney, 315 N. W. 3rd St., Ontario, today was appointed Malheur county chairman of the 1960 World Peace conference to be held in the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, May 12-13. Mrs. Kinney is vice chairman of the Malheur county Democratic central committee.

The 1960 conference on World Peace is the first conference of its kind to be held on the west coast, according to Beulah Hand, Democratic state vice chairman and director of women's activities. In announcing the appointment, Mrs. Hand urged that all interested persons contact their county chairman for complete conference details. All women organizations in the state have been invited to participate and a special invitation has been issued to men to attend.

An issues conference, it will feature panel discussion on the "Political Dimensions of Peace," the "Economic Dimensions of Peace" and "Peace and Disarmament." Outstanding experts in these fields are slated to talk.

In addition to the panel sessions, former Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas is flying from New York to be the conference speaker Friday, May 13. Mrs. Wayne (Midge) Morse will address the May 12 luncheon session on "Latin America and World Peace." Mrs. Maurine Neuberger will speak at the May 13 luncheon session on "World Health for Peace."

Included among panel session participants are Governor Chas. A. Sprague, former alternate delegate to the UN, Karlin M. Capper-Johnson, president of the Oregon U. association, Professor Raymond F. Mikesell, Miner Professor of Economics at the University of Oregon and Kalesh Dudharkar, Bombay, India.

Foreign students from Africa, South America, India, the Far East and Europe will also speak at the conference. They have been scheduled for a morning appearance May 13 and will give their ideas on how relationships can be improved between their countries and the U.S. A "Round the World Fashion Show," directed by Maria Easterly Hervis, will be a feature of the May 12 luncheon.

"This peace conference has generated more interest among the women of Oregon than anything I've ever participated in," Mrs. Hand said. "Advance indications point to a record turnout. Delegations are expected to come in groups from all sections of the state."

Letter to the Editor

To Editor and Staff, Gate City Journal:

I wish to thank the editor and staff of the Gate City Journal for the splendid cooperation shown in publishing news items of the Nyssa Home Extension unit during the past year.

These publications were very helpful to me in compiling the scrap book which won first prize honors at the 13th annual Homemakers festival held in Ontario April 28, 1960.

Sincerely yours,
MAY ANDERSON

Owyhee Community Church Events

"Signaling for Christ" is the theme for daily vacation Bible school to be held May 31 through June 10 at the church. A teachers meeting was held Monday night at the parsonage.

Teachers are, nursery, Mrs. Joe Stephen; beginners, Mrs. Harold Dail; primary, Mrs. Ken Lorenson; intermediate, Mrs. Elver Nielsen; junior class, Mrs. Cal Martin and Robert Kriner, Jr. Helpers are, Mrs. Eugene Stephen, Mrs. W. R. Howell and Mrs. Howard Finger.

Mrs. Elva Zroyles of Klamath Falls, Ore., will be director for the school. Mrs. Ed Corfield will care for the small children and Mrs. Charles Chapin is in charge of cookies for each day.

Wednesday, Bible study was held at the Harold Dail home.

Thursday, there will be a youth rally at the Park Community church north of Ontario.

May 15—Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning worship 11 a.m.

There will be no evening service due to baccalaureate services.

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DO YOU KNOW?

By Mrs. J. W. Rigney

That language concepts must find expression in a variety of ways before a child learns to read well?

That these concepts follow a definite sequence of learning? (Thinking, talking, reading, writing.)

That a child's interest in school may well be a reflection of his experiences he has shared within the family environment?

That this environment often provides the foundations for either good or poor reading?

That vacation time could easily provide opportunities for richer school experiences?

What about: That good book the whole family would enjoy if it were read aloud, a chapter a day?

That hobby you've been wanting to share with Jimmie?

That fishing you'd like to do with all the kids in the family? Those recipes you and the girls would like to try?

And . . . do you know that children never tire of hearing stories that begin, "I remember when I was about your age . . ."

(The memories we have should give us valuable clues of the kind of things we dare not neglect.)



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